



# MT. CHARLESTON TOWN ADVISORY BOARD

## MINUTES

**Date:** Thursday, June 30, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 pm

**Location:** Mt. Charleston Library, 75 Ski Chalet Place, Mt. Charleston, NV 89124

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### **POSTING LOCATIONS**

Mt. Charleston Library  
Mt. Charleston Lodge  
Old Town Bulletin Board  
Rainbow Mailboxes  
Lady of the Snows Mailboxes  
Sandy Siebrecht - Secretary

### **BOARD MEMBERS**

Mike McGroarty – Vice Chair  
Curtis Alexander  
Bobbie Fitzgibbons  
Michelle French  
Dennis Lovell

Website: [www.clarkcountynv.gov](http://www.clarkcountynv.gov)  
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### **CALL TO ORDER**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PROCEDURES & CONDUCT**

1. Conformance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law.
2. Please turn off or mute cell phones, pagers and other electronic devices.
3. Please take all private and other conversation not related to the agenda outside.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is a period devoted to comment by the general public about items on this agenda. If you wish to speak to the Board about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the "Public Comments" period listed at the end of this agenda. Comments will be limited to three minutes. Please step to the front of the room to address the Board, clearly state your name and address and please spell your last name for the record. If any member of the Board wishes to extend the length of a presentation, this will be done by the Chair or the Board by majority vote. Public comment on individual agenda items will be taken after presentation of the item and discussion by the Board.

### **REGULAR BUSINESS**

1. Introduction of the Town Board, County, State, Federal Government representatives, Public Utilities and Public Services.
2. Approval of the agenda for **June 30, 2016**. - Motion for approval by Mike McGroarty, 5-0
3. Approval of the minutes from the **April 28, 2016**. - Motion for approval, 5-0

#### **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

STEVE SISOLAK, Chairman • LAWRENCE L BROWN, III, Vice-Chair  
SUSAN BRAGER • TOM COLLINS • CHRIS GIUNCHIGLIANI • MARY BETH SCOW • LAWRENCE WEEKLY  
DONALD G. BURNETTE, County Manager

4. Welcome Bobbye Fitzgibbons as the newest Mt. Charleston TAB member Mike McGroarty welcomed new Board member Bobbye Fitzgibbons
5. Select TAB Chair and Vice Chair (For possible action) – Discussion regarding whether the interim Chair would be eligible to be Chair during the next term. Meggan Holzer will get direction from the District Attorney.

#### **AGENCY & STAFF REPORTS**

1. **Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept.** – Sergeant Matt Marlow related that there has been an increase of suspicious activity on the mountain. He has directed an increase in daily neighborhood patrols and requested that suspicious activity be reported via 311
2. **Clark County Fire Dept.** – Chief Larry Haydu related that it is wildfire season. A report on the fire at Lovell Canyon and the lightning strikes that followed were presented. The fires have been extinguished and the area is being monitored. The transfer of Clark County Fire and the Mount Charleston Volunteer Fire Department to the Mount Charleston Fire District, under the command of Chief Gonzales will occur at midnight on 6-30-2016.
3. **Mt. Charleston Fire District** – Chief Jorge Gonzales reported that the consolidation will result in better streamlined services. He has requested electronic boards to be placed on the state highways from NDOT prohibiting fireworks in advance of the holiday. Chief Gonzales reported that he has received a rating from the ISO, which insurance companies use, in part, to determine insurance rates. Previously the rating was a Class 6, and it is now a Class 5. This could reduce homeowners' insurance rates. Any homeowner who would like a copy of this rating to provide to their insurance company may email Chief Gonzales. Hydrant checks are ongoing. A question about hydrants in Lee Canyon was posed. No hydrants exist in Lee Canyon per Chief Gonzales. The Ski Resort does have a standby system for fire protection. The Lee Canyon Station is closed due to no water service because of damaged pipes. Repairs may take 2-3 weeks. A member of public asked about the use of Lookout Towers. Chief Gonzales related that this practice is outdated as satellite and radar systems are far better at spotting fires or lightning strikes. The keys to Station 81 were presented to Chief Gonzales.
4. **Las Vegas Valley Water District** – Michael Weintz reported that better than average snowfall and wetter snow contributed to the improved conditions of the community wells. The wells were at critical condition three months ago, and now are in sustainable condition. The concerned designation on signs will remain to encourage conservation.
5. **Mt. Charleston Volunteer Fire Dept.** – Chief Dave Martin related that the volunteers are receiving certification in wildland firefighting.
6. **Metro Volunteer Program** – Lauren Olson related that the license plate grant has been approved. A refresher course in traffic control has been planned for September.
7. **Nevada Highway Patrol** – no report
8. **United States Forest Service** – Donn Christensen related that the Muddy Springs fire is under investigation as is the Lovell Canyon fire, which was 445 acres, some of which occurred in the area designated as wilderness, which limits the type of firefighting equipment that can be used. Aircraft may fight fires in the wilderness area, and were used in this fire. A Public Affairs representative was dispatched to these communities to provide updated information to residents. Fires caused by lightning strikes in the area were quickly contained due to the fact that many resources were already in place fighting the fire. Firefighting Resources from all over the west are being pre-positioned to assist with fires as the fire season is underway. Tree removal in campgrounds and picnic areas is ongoing. Bark beetles are attacking White Fir species. The infestation is severe and the transporting of fire wood from other areas is contributing to the infestation. Spraying for these beetles is not productive, so removing the tree is the only solution at this time. Mature trees are most often attacked. The South Loop trail restoration is ongoing. Also, the monitoring of the numerous springs in the District is ongoing. An outreach of the Latino Chamber of Commerce is being planned to provide education on how

to recreate in the forest, as nearly 40% of visitors are Hispanic. The Winter Alliance goals are to keep roads open, access the forest safely, and manage emergency response. The dead tree by the mailboxes at Echo is dead as the bark is entirely gone. It will be removed as soon as nesting birds and butterflies aren't impacted by the removal, possibly after August 15th, with the assistance of NDOT. Meggan Holzer to secure approval to remove the tree, which is on county land. The slash piles left on Kyle Canyon, because if broken chipping machines from three agencies that all broke at the same time, are being removed. They presented a low fire danger as there was little kindling or grass in the piles. Firewood sales will occur in Mid-July, conditions permitting. The wood for sale has to dry for two seasons to kill the bark beetle larva. USFS website will have information on the sales. The dead trees on Cathedral trail will not be removed unless there is a hazard since they are a part of the natural environment and provide homes for wildlife and nutrients for the soil. Manager Christensen asked if a text message system exists for mountain residents. None exists for the dissemination of information. Email or Facebook posts are options. Next winter, a Yurt may be used in Lee Meadow for visitor information, keeping the parking area clear for more visitor parking. Portable restroom trailers are being planned, as well as directing visitors to the picnic and campgrounds.

**9. Mt. Charleston Task Force – no report**

**10. Nevada Department of Transportation** – Glenn Rogers related that due to wind, a live tree toppled onto Kyle Canyon near the fire station. He asked that residents call him as he learned about the tree in the road from a Facebook post. In 2017, it is being proposed that Lee Canton be resurfaced to the 95. This will likely take 2 days. Electronic Message boards have been placed at Kyle, Deer Creek, and at Sawmill at the request of Chief Gonzales prohibiting fireworks and fires. They will be in place through the holiday weekend. Mr. Rogers related that no political or business signs can be placed along a state highway. The signs will be confiscated and destroyed if not picked up within 30 days. A member of the Public asked if bikes lanes could be placed in Lee Canyon, like the lanes on Kyle Canyon. Mr. Rogers related that the shoulder is simply extended on Kyle Canyon. There are no bike paths. The Revel race traffic concerns were also brought forth, but NDOT doesn't permit that event, the USFS is the agency that permits the event.

**11. Clark County Administrative Services** – Meggan Holzer related that the Verizon repairs are nearly complete. Service has greatly improved. The reason for the lack of service was "back haul" or more service users than the system could handle. Meggan Holzer asked to be notified if it occurs again. More no parking signs and turnaround signs have been ordered for the Rainbow subdivision. The concerns with the Revel race will be forwarded, as the event promoters were very interested in making the event operation better. The new Town Board Secretary was announced as Donna Thompson but she was out of town for this meeting. USFS Donn Christensen asked to be included in the residents' Facebook page. A community directory similar to the Mountain Springs directory was discussed. Curtis Alexander asked if the gravel in the roads could be cleared. Dennis Lovell has already spoken to the Road Department and they will be up on the mountain next week. Meggan Holzer to follow up on the cost of replacing the Mt. Charleston License plates, as plated have to be replaced every 8 years.

**12. Other Agencies**

**PLANNING AND ZONING**

None

**TOWN ADVISORY BOARD COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

- 1. Roads** – Curtis Alexander
- 2. Public Response** – Mike McGroarty
- 3. Kyle Canyon Water District** – Dennis Lovell
- 4. Fire Protection District** – Mike McGroarty

**5. License Plate – Curtis Alexander**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

This item provides TAB members the opportunity to give reports on items of concern that need to be discussed with the public. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an agenda.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A member of the public asked why no meeting was held last month. The reason was a lack of a quorum. This often can occur with little notice. When a meeting is cancelled, a notice is listed on the library doors.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting will be **Thursday, July 28, 2016.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm